

**United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Georgia**  
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**Joyce Bihary**

Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1950  
 Education: Wellesley 1972 BA; Michigan 1975 JD  
 Began Service: September 1, 1987  
 Term Expires: September 2015

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Alston, Miller & Gaines (1975-1977); Attorney then Partner, Rogers & Hardin (1977-1987)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Foundation, American Bar Association; American College of Bankruptcy; Atlanta Bar Association; The Georgia Consortium for Personal Financial Literacy; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute

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**W. Homer Drake, Jr.**  
 Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1932  
 Education: Mercer 1954 AB, 1956 LLB  
 Began Service: September 1, 1964  
 Term Expires: May 20, 2013

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, School of Law, The University of Georgia (1971-1972); Adjunct Professor, School of Law, Emory University (1973-1975); Walter Homer Drake Professorship of Bankruptcy Law, Mercer University (1996)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Lewis R. Morgan, United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia (1961-1964)

**Judicial:** President, National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (1972-1973); Member, Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System, Judicial Conference of the United States (1989-1995); Founder and Advisor, Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers, LLP (1976-1979)

**Military Service:** Judge Advocate General, United States Army (1956-1959)

**Current Memberships:** American College of Bankruptcy; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute

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**Margaret H. Murphy**  
 Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
 Education: Queens Col (NC) 1970 BA; North Carolina 1973 JD  
 Began Service: October 19, 1987  
 Term Expires: October 18, 2015

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Smith, Gambrell & Russell, L.L.P. (1973-1987)

**Current Memberships:** National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

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**James E. Massey**  
 Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1944  
 Education: Emory 1965 BA; Columbia 1968 LLB  
 Began Service: November 3, 1993  
 Term Expires: November 3, 2021

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1969-1993)

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**Robert E. Brizendine**  
 Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
 Education: Georgia Tech 1968 BS; Vanderbilt 1971 JD  
 Began Service: November 3, 1993  
 Term Expires: November 3, 2021

**Legal Practice:** Scroggins & Brizendine (and predecessor firms) (1971-1993)

**Military Service:** United States Army Reserve, United States Department of the Army (1972-1979)

**Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Robert E. Brizendine continued**

**Current Memberships:** Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute; State Bar of Georgia

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**C. Ray Mullins**  
 Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1952  
 Education: Bowling Green State 1974 BS, 1977 MBA; Toledo 1982 JD  
 Began Service: February 29, 2000  
 Term Expires: February 28, 2014

**Academic:** Instructor, Bowling Green State University (1977-1982); Adjunct Professor of Law, The University of Toledo (1983-1985)

**Legal Practice:** Cooper Straub Walinski & Cramer (1982-1987); Kilpatrick Stockton (1987-2000)

**Current Memberships:** American Bankruptcy Institute; Commercial Law League of America; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute

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**Paul W. Bonapfel**  
 Bankruptcy Judge

Education: Florida State; Georgia JD  
 Began Service: April 10, 2002

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**Mary Grace Diehl**  
 Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: September 3, 1952  
 Education: Canisius 1974 BA; Harvard 1977 JD  
 Began Service: February 23, 2004  
 Term Expires: February 23, 2018

**Legal Practice:** Practice Group Leader, Bankruptcy, Troutman Sanders LLP

**Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Mary Grace Diehl continued**

**Current Memberships:** American Bankruptcy Institute; Atlanta Bar Association; Georgia Association for Women Lawyers; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

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**William T. Moore, Jr.**  
 Chief Judge

Date of Birth: May 7, 1940  
 Education: Georgia Military 1960 AA; Georgia 1964 JD; Virginia 2001 LL.M.  
 Began Service: October 31, 1994  
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
 Political Affiliation: Democrat



**Government:** United States Attorney, Southern District of Georgia, United States Department of Justice (1977-1981); Member, Attorney General's Advisory Committee, Office of the Attorney General, United States Department of Justice (1978-1981)

**Judicial:** Pro Tem Judge, Records Court (1984-1994)

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